

## 2020 CRC Ready Reference

### **Populations and Ideal District Sizes**

California: **39,538,223**, an increase of 2,284,267 or 6.1% over 2010; the apportionment count included U.S. military and federal civilian employees and any dependents living overseas, allocated to California as reported by the employing federal agencies, for an apportionment total of 39,576,757

Adjusted: **39,523,437** (less 14,786 federal incarcerated persons)

District Sizes:

# of Districts	Plan	Ideal	-5%	+5%
80	Assembly	<b>494,043</b>	469,341	518,745
40	Senate	<b>988,086</b>	938,682	1,037,490
4	BOE	<b>9,880,859</b>	9,386,816	10,374,902
52	Congressional	<b>760,066</b>	-	-

Total: 176 districts

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### **California Counties: 2020 Populations (PL94, Adjusted)**

Alameda .....	1,683,468	Marin .....	258,555	San Mateo .....	765,417
Alpine.....	1,207	Mariposa .....	17,094	Santa Barbara .....	446,704
Amador.....	36,592	Mendocino .....	91,624	Santa Clara .....	1,94,0140
Butte .....	212,549	Merced .....	281,099	Santa Cruz .....	271,352
Calaveras .....	45,306	Modoc .....	8,673	Shasta .....	183,199
Colusa .....	21,898	Mono .....	13,217	Sierra.....	3,244
Contra Costa .....	1,168,069	Monterey .....	434,660	Siskiyou .....	44,207
Del Norte .....	25,140	Napa .....	138,298	Solano .....	447,857
El Dorado.....	191,457	Nevada.....	102,284	Sonoma .....	489,713
Fresno .....	1,008,526	Orange .....	3,193,010	Stanislaus .....	554,730
Glenn.....	28,916	Placer.....	405,307	Sutter.....	99,926
Humboldt .....	136,810	Plumas .....	19,839	Tehama .....	65,973
Imperial.....	173,626	Riverside .....	2,417,438	Trinity.....	16,101
Inyo.....	18,963	Sacramento.....	1,584,884	Tulare .....	475,056
Kern.....	892,674	San Benito .....	64,338	Tuolumne .....	53,008
Kings.....	140,322	San Bernard.....	2,180,152	Ventura.....	845,390
Lake.....	68,401	San Diego .....	3,302,262	Yolo .....	216,922
Lassen .....	25,286	San Francisco .....	874,993	Yuba .....	81,993
Los Angeles.....	10,047,926	San Joaquin .....	777,313	<i>Largest: Los Angeles</i>	
Madera .....	151,113	San Luis Obis.....	279,216	<i>Smallest: Alpine</i>	

## California Cities: 2020 Populations (PL94, Adjusted)

Adelanto	38,243	Calabasas	23,280	Davis	66,948
Agoura Hills	20,346	Calexico	38,693	Delano	43,637
Alameda	78,351	California City	12,971	Del Mar	3,966
Albany	20,275	Calimesa	10,057	Del Rey Oaks	1,596
Alhambra	83,108	Calipatria	3,618	Desert Hot Springs	32,747
Aliso Viejo	52,222	Calistoga	5,237	Diamond Bar	55,181
Alturas	2,735	Camarillo	70,850	Dinuba	24,688
Amador City	201	Campbell	44,027	Dixon	19,012
American Canyon	21,881	Canyon Lake	11,112	Dorris	866
Anaheim	347,753	Capitola	9,949	Dos Palos	5,832
Anderson	11,408	Carlsbad	114,952	Downey	114,712
Angels	3,670	Carmel-by-the-Sea	3,224	Duarte	21,798
Antioch	115,580	Carpinteria	13,293	Dublin	71,468
Apple Valley	76,063	Carson	95,994	Dunsmuir	1,713
Arcadia	56,780	Cathedral City	51,683	East Palo Alto	30,139
Arcata	18,898	Ceres	49,464	Eastvale	69,901
Arroyo Grande	18,469	Cerritos	49,697	El Cajon	106,585
Artesia	16,446	Chico	101,823	El Centro	44,438
Arvin	19,566	Chino	86,573	El Cerrito	26,000
Atascadero	29,857	Chino Hills	78,544	Elk Grove	176,561
Atherton	7,194	Chowchilla	13,426	El Monte	109,905
Atwater	32,085	Chula Vista	276,061	El Paso de Robles (Paso Robles)	31,565
Auburn	13,820	Citrus Heights	87,851	El Segundo	17,358
Avalon	3,467	Claremont	37,410	Emeryville	12,911
Avenal	9,496	Clayton	11,085	Encinitas	62,110
Azusa	50,204	Clearlake	16,817	Escalon	7,491
Bakersfield	405,161	Cloverdale	9,011	Escondido	151,516
Baldwin Park	72,490	Clovis	120,374	Etna	682
Banning	29,691	Coachella	42,129	Eureka	26,635
Barstow	25,595	Coalinga	14,479	Exeter	10,385
Beaumont	53,193	Colfax	2,000	Fairfax	7,608
Bell	33,701	Colma	1,510	Fairfield	120,178
Bellflower	79,560	Colton	54,129	Farmersville	10,455
Bell Gardens	39,701	Colusa	6,430	Ferndale	1,404
Belmont	28,360	Commerce	12,445	Fillmore	16,462
Belvedere	2,126	Compton	96,687	Firebaugh	8,128
Benicia	27,167	Concord	125,617	Folsom	75,038
Berkeley	124,433	Corcoran	13,646	Fontana	209,062
Beverly Hills	32,761	Corning	8,305	Fort Bragg	7,006
Big Bear Lake	5,061	Corona	157,679	Fort Jones	699
Biggs	1,970	Coronado	20,226	Fortuna	12,557
Bishop	3,831	Corte Madera	10,229	Foster City	33,842
Blue Lake	1,213	Costa Mesa	112,139	Fountain Valley	57,120
Blythe	12,406	Cotati	7,593	Fowler	6,723
Bradbury	925	Covina	51,444	Fremont	230,649
Brawley	26,482	Crescent City	4,038	Fresno	544,575
Brea	47,397	Cudahy	22,903	Fullerton	143,930
Brentwood	64,381	Culver City	40,892	Galt	25,473
Brisbane	4,858	Cupertino	60,446	Gardena	61,296
Buellton	5,174	Cypress	50,235	Garden Grove	172,346
Buena Park	84,187	Daly City	105,024	Gilroy	59,692
Burbank	107,613	Dana Point	33,144	Glendale	196,980
Burlingame	31,416	Danville	43,618	Glendora	52,726

Goleta .....	32,755	La Mirada .....	48,123
Gonzales .....	8,674	Lancaster .....	171,488
Grand Terrace .....	13,185	La Palma .....	15,597
Grass Valley .....	14,043	La Puente .....	38,279
Greenfield .....	19,010	La Quinta .....	37,642
Gridley .....	7,451	Larkspur .....	13,072
Grover Beach .....	12,739	Lathrop .....	28,765
Guadalupe .....	8,075	La Verne .....	31,426
Gustine .....	6,123	Lawndale .....	31,930
Half Moon Bay .....	11,814	Lemon Grove .....	27,743
Hanford .....	58,342	Lemoore .....	27,190
Hawaiian Gardens .....	14,231	Lincoln .....	49,825
Hawthorne .....	88,502	Lindsay .....	12,732
Hayward .....	163,172	Live Oak .....	9,122
Healdsburg .....	11,360	Livermore .....	88,006
Hemet .....	90,349	Livingston .....	14,214
Hercules .....	26,053	Lodi .....	66,569
Hermosa Beach .....	19,789	Loma Linda .....	24,855
Hesperia .....	100,166	Lomita .....	20,982
Hidden Hills .....	1,732	Lompoc .....	41,864
Highland .....	57,233	Long Beach .....	468,894
Hillsborough .....	11,393	Loomis .....	6,846
Hollister .....	41,771	Los Alamitos .....	11,795
Holtville .....	5,612	Los Altos .....	31,668
Hughson .....	7,499	Los Altos Hills .....	8,500
Huntington Beach .....	199,033	Los Angeles .....	3,912,115
Huntington Park .....	55,141	Los Banos .....	45,677
Huron .....	6,230	Los Gatos .....	33,585
Imperial .....	20,287	Loyalty .....	741
Imperial Beach .....	26,230	Lynwood .....	67,622
Indian Wells .....	4,762	McFarland .....	13,818
Indio .....	89,518	Madera .....	66,591
Industry .....	276	Malibu .....	10,673
Inglewood .....	108,396	Mammoth Lakes .....	7,201
Ione .....	4,915	Manhattan Beach .....	35,669
Irvine .....	307,958	Manteca .....	83,702
Irwindale .....	1,483	Maricopa .....	1,031
Isleton .....	802	Marina .....	22,422
Jackson .....	5,037	Martinez .....	37,349
Jurupa Valley .....	105,456	Marysville .....	12,939
Kerman .....	16,058	Maywood .....	25,254
King City .....	13,395	Mendota .....	12,639
Kingsburg .....	12,414	Menifee .....	102,795
La Cañada Flintridge .....	20,602	Menlo Park .....	33,830
Lafayette .....	25,413	Merced .....	86,681
Laguna Beach .....	23,061	Millbrae .....	23,228
Laguna Hills .....	31,399	Mill Valley .....	14,239
Laguna Niguel .....	64,417	Milpitas .....	80,393
Laguna Woods .....	17,658	Mission Viejo .....	93,760
La Habra .....	63,234	Modesto .....	219,251
La Habra Heights .....	5,711	Monrovia .....	38,048
Lake Elsinore .....	70,517	Montague .....	1,233
Lake Forest .....	85,965	Montclair .....	37,989
Lakeport .....	5,046	Montebello .....	62,879
Lakewood .....	82,712	Monterey .....	30,290
La Mesa .....	61,268	Monterey Park .....	61,255
		Monte Sereno .....	3,482
		Moorpark .....	36,325
		Moraga .....	16,880
		Moreno Valley .....	209,666
		Morgan Hill .....	45,566
		Morro Bay .....	10,784
		Mountain View .....	82,486
		Mount Shasta .....	3,237
		Murrieta .....	111,187
		Napa .....	79,413
		National City .....	56,373
		Needles .....	4,953
		Nevada City .....	3,160
		Newark .....	47,570
		Newman .....	12,379
		Newport Beach .....	85,338
		Norco .....	22,406
		Norwalk .....	103,180
		Novato .....	53,273
		Oakdale .....	23,242
		Oakland .....	441,891
		Oakley .....	43,443
		Oceanside .....	174,578
		Ojai .....	7,653
		Ontario .....	175,837
		Orange .....	140,191
		Orange Cove .....	9,689
		Orinda .....	19,529
		Orland .....	8,338
		Oroville .....	20,191
		Oxnard .....	202,614
		Pacifica .....	38,674
		Pacific Grove .....	15,125
		Palmdale .....	170,391
		Palm Desert .....	51,317
		Palm Springs .....	44,786
		Palo Alto .....	68,654
		Palos Verdes Estates .....	13,373
		Paradise .....	4,816
		Paramount .....	54,003
		Parlier .....	14,648
		Pasadena .....	139,254
		Paso Robles (see <i>El Paso de Robles</i> )	
		Patterson .....	23,840
		Perris .....	79,092
		Petaluma .....	59,846
		Pico Rivera .....	62,335
		Piedmont .....	11,274
		Pinole .....	19,057
		Pismo Beach .....	8,086
		Pittsburg .....	76,657
		Placentia .....	51,925
		Placerville .....	10,783
		Pleasant Hill .....	34,649
		Pleasanton .....	79,894
		Plymouth .....	1,082

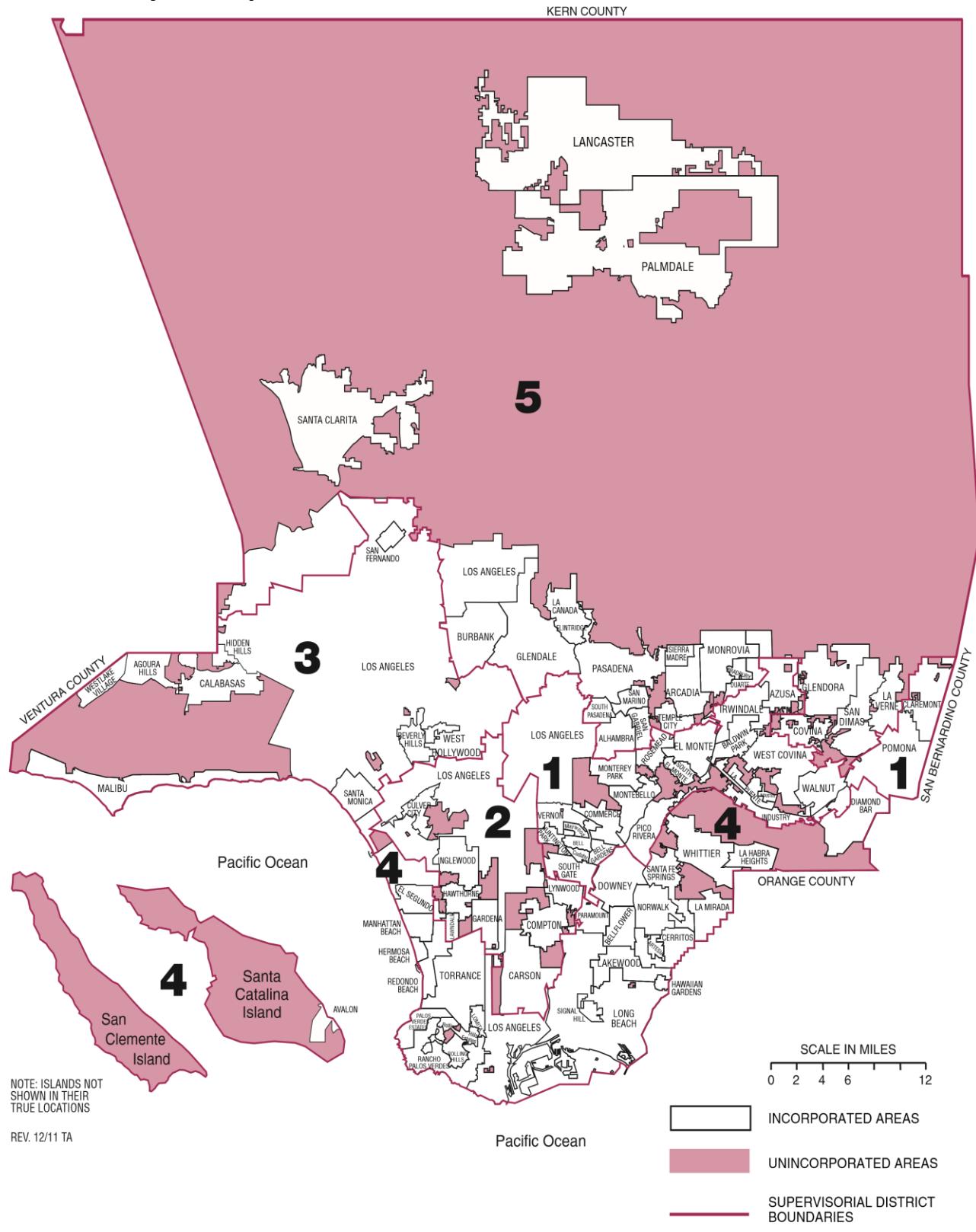
Point Arena	461	San Juan Capistrano	35,271	Thousand Oaks	127,134
Pomona	152,555	San Leandro	91,103	Tiburon	9,150
Porterville	62,906	San Luis Obispo	47,159	Torrance	147,385
Port Hueneme	22,029	San Marcos	95,035	Tracy	93,226
Portola	2,113	San Marino	12,536	Trinidad	311
Portola Valley	4,457	San Mateo	105,804	Truckee	16,740
Poway	48,923	San Pablo	32,221	Tulare	69,200
Rancho Cordova	79,643	San Rafael	61,333	Tulelake	905
Rancho Cucamonga	174,810	San Ramon	84,682	Turlock	72,935
Rancho Mirage	17,049	Santa Ana	311,393	Tustin	80,412
Rancho Palos Verdes	42,358	Santa Barbara	88,930	Twentynine Palms	28,142
Rancho Santa Margarita	48,000	Santa Clara	127,854	Ukiah	16,650
Red Bluff	14,839	Santa Clarita	229,158	Union City	70,218
Redding	94,245	Santa Cruz	63,092	Upland	79,368
Redlands	73,386	Santa Fe Springs	19,236	Vacaville	95,941
Redondo Beach	71,748	Santa Maria	110,136	Vallejo	126,496
Redwood City	84,423	Santa Monica	93,291	Ventura (see <i>San Buenaventura</i> )	
Reedley	25,292	Santa Paula	30,772	Vernon	226
Rialto	104,458	Santa Rosa	178,515	Victorville	131,417
Richmond	116,791	Santee	60,173	Villa Park	5,850
Ridgecrest	28,057	Saratoga	31,079	Visalia	141,812
Rio Dell	3,397	Sausalito	7,272	Vista	98,710
Rio Vista	10,017	Scotts Valley	12,242	Walnut	28,488
Ripon	16,049	Seal Beach	25,283	Walnut Creek	70,199
Riverbank	24,933	Seaside	32,509	Wasco	22,800
Riverside	316,445	Sebastopol	7,533	Waterford	9,149
Rocklin	71,685	Selma	24,768	Watsonville	52,760
Rohnert Park	44,465	Shafter	19,469	Weed	2,873
Rolling Hills	1,742	Shasta Lake	10,452	West Covina	109,856
Rolling Hills Estates	8,298	Sierra Madre	11,302	West Hollywood	35,829
Rosemead	51,336	Signal Hill	11,911	Westlake Village	8,047
Roseville	147,969	Simi Valley	126,360	Westminster	91,083
Ross	2,339	Solana Beach	12,954	Westmorland	2,018
Sacramento	526,520	Soledad	19,093	West Sacramento	54,071
St. Helena	5,436	Solvang	6,135	Wheatland	3,724
Salinas	164,232	Sonoma	10,761	Whittier	87,592
San Anselmo	12,842	Sonora	5,046	Wildomar	36,998
San Bernardino	223,189	South El Monte	19,649	Williams	5,550
San Bruno	43,947	South Gate	93,114	Willits	5,011
San Buenaventura (Ventura)	111,009	South Lake Tahoe	21,393	Willows	6,309
San Carlos	30,748	South Pasadena	27,021	Windsor	26,378
San Clemente	64,384	South San Francisco	66,185	Winters	7,132
Sand City	327	Stanton	38,067	Woodlake	7,463
San Diego	1,389,874	Stockton	322,344	Woodland	61,233
San Dimas	35,018	Suisun City	29,590	Woodside	5,313
San Fernando	24,056	Sunnyvale	156,034	Yorba Linda	68,415
San Francisco	874,993	Susanville	10,319	Yountville	3,442
San Gabriel	39,687	Sutter Creek	2,653	Yreka	7,856
Sanger	26,720	Taft	7,062	Yuba City	70,338
San Jacinto	54,192	Tehachapi	9,337	Yucaipa	54,670
San Joaquin	3,710	Tehama	439	Yucca Valley	21,814
San Jose	1,015,683	Temecula	110,240	<i>Smallest: Amador City</i>	
San Juan Bautista	2,092	Temple City	36,592	<i>Largest: Los Angeles</i>	

Total: 482 Cities, combined population 32,997,655

## California's 58 Counties



## L.A. County: Incorporated Cities



## Census Terms and Racial Minority Groupings

Census Geography: State → Counties → Census Tracts → Block Groups → Census Blocks

Block Equivalency File – Spreadsheet that correlates each and every census block to an election district

Census Designated Place – A populated, settled, unincorporated community named and geographically defined by the Census Bureau and state and local officials; California has just over 1,000 CDPs.

CCD	Census County Division
CVAP	Citizen Voting Age Population
FIPS	Federal Information Processing System
PUMA	Public Use Microdata Areas
TIGER	Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing data
ZCTA	ZIP Code Tabulation Areas

See also: <https://www.census.gov/glossary/>

The 2020 Census recognized two ethnicities:

1. Hispanic or Latino
2. Not Hispanic or Latino

and five racial categories:

1. White or European American
2. Black or African American
3. Asian American
4. American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN)
5. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (NHPI)

An individual can be one race, any combination of more than one race, or "Some Other Race"

AMEMSA	Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, South Asian
AAPI	Asian American Pacific Islander
BIPOC	Black, Indigenous, People of Color
MENA	Middle Eastern North African

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## Community Based Organization (CBO) Acronyms

AAJC	Asian Americans Advancing Justice / Asian Law Caucus
BCRH	Black Census and Redistricting Hub
CC	Common Cause
CHIRLA	Coalition for Human Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
COFEM	El Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas (Council of Mexican Federations in N. America)
IVE	Integrated Voter Engagement Redistricting Alliance
MALDEF	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund
NALEO	National Association of Latino Elected Officials
LWV	League of Women Voters
PRA	People's Redistricting Alliance

## Government and Administration Acronyms

BSA	Bureau of State Audits (now CSA)
COI	Community of Interest
CRC	Citizen Redistricting Commission
CSA	California State Auditor (currently Elaine Howle)
DGS	Department of General Services (state business manager)
IAA	Inter-Agency Agreement
NCSL	National Conference of State Legislatures ( <a href="http://www.ncsl.org">www.ncsl.org</a> )
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposals
SOQ	Statement of Qualifications
SOS	Secretary of State (currently Dr. Shirley N. Weber)
SOW	Statement of Work
TEC	Travel Expense Claim
VRA	Voting Rights Act

Gantt Chart – Project planning bar chart invented by American mechanical engineer and management consultant Henry Gantt (1861–1919).

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## Redistricting Terms

Deferral – In California, state senators are elected in alternating odd and even districts for four-year terms. Voters in a given area might be switched from an odd to even district (or vice versa) and therefore have their normal, next, quadrennial state senatorial election deferred to the subsequent election cycle, thus six years after the election of their current state senator. (In 2013 the California Senate designated a “caretaker” senator to serve deferred populations that cycle.) Likewise, some areas may be “accelerated” because they might be in areas where a senatorial election will now occur only two years after their previous one.

Point Contiguity – A district in which one part is contiguous with another part at only via a single point, as with two corners touching

Total Population Deviation – TPD = (largest district – smallest district) / ideal district. So, if the largest district population is 10,000 more than the smallest, and the ideal district size is 400,000, the TPD =  $10,000/400,000 = 2.5\%$

Traditional Districting Criteria – First referred to as such in *Shaw v. Reno* (1993) to include very widely accepted criteria such as equal population, contiguity, compactness, and respect for political subdivisions; but also including a range of other criteria used historically in different places, and variously specified by some state constitutions. “Traditional” here primarily means “has been used historically in particular places” and does not necessarily mean “widely and unanimously approved.” The CRC’s six statutory criteria are (now) California’s traditional districting criteria.

See also this glossary at “All About Redistricting” (Justin Levitt and Doug Spencer):  
<https://redistricting.lls.edu/wp-content/uploads/Basics-English10.pdf>

## **Voting Rights Act (VRA) Terms** (see also “Federal Voting Rights Act Basics” below)

Coalition District – A district in which two or more racial/ethnic minority communities vote cohesively to elect candidates of their choice

Crossover District (sometimes “Opportunity District”) – A district in which a racial/ethnic minority community is able to elect candidates of its choice because of racial majority voters voting with it; often especially relevant in the remedial phase for drawing minority opportunity districts

Minority Opportunity District – A district in which a racial/ethnic minority community is able, by itself or with coalition and/or crossover votes, to elect candidates of its choice

Influence District – A district with a racial/ethnic minority population that is less than a majority and cannot reliably elect candidates of its choice, but in which that minority population has a substantial influence on the election and on its elected representatives

Retrogression – The diminishment of a racial/ethnic minority community’s ability to elect candidates of its choice; usually measured by comparing the number of minority opportunity districts in previous districting plan with its proposed replacement

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## **Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) Terms**

RPV analysis is needed to ascertain whether Gingles #2 and #3 apply—does a minority population vote cohesively and does the surrounding majority population vote cohesively in opposition?

Ecological Inference – Statistical techniques for using aggregate (= “ecological”) data to estimate individual behavior; in RPV analysis, it combines aggregate votes and aggregate racial population data to estimate votes-by-race in a given area. Various techniques such as EI, Iterative EI, and EI RxR have differing strengths in analyzing differing political (only two choices, or more?) and racial (only two races, or more?) situations.

BISG - Bayesian Improved Surname Geocoding, a statistical technique for estimating voter racial identity by combining an analysis of Census surnames (which do not include voter registration status) with geocoded voter registrations (which do not include racial/ethnic identity).

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***The above descriptions of redistricting, VRA, and RPV terms are general guides and are not intended to be legally precise.***

## **Trivia**

- California state senators represent the largest populations of any U.S. state legislative house members
- California’s Board of Equalization is the only publicly elected tax commission in the U.S.
- Only ten states have full-time state legislators with full staffs: CA, MA, NY, PA, MI, IL, OH, WI, AK, HI

## Federal Voting Rights Act Basics

U.S. Title 52, §10301 et seq.

The goal of VRA compliance is to prevent **minority vote dilution**. Presently, only **Section 2** of the VRA is operative. Note that the VRA is explicitly not a guarantee of racially **proportional representation**.

To establish a violation of Section 2, a plaintiff must prove, “based on the **totality of circumstances**,” that the State’s “political processes” are “not equally open to participation by members” of a protected class, “in that its members have **less opportunity** than other members of the electorate to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice.”

A “**protected class**” is a group defined by (any) race, color, or membership in a language minority (“language minority” = “American Indian, Asian American, Alaskan Natives or of Spanish heritage”).

A Section 2 plaintiff must first prove the **Gingles** [“JING gulls”] preconditions apply, and only then build a case using the **Senate Factors** + any other considerations that inform the “totality of circumstances.”

### Gingles Preconditions (1986):

1. Minority population sufficiently large and compact enough to form a single district
2. Minority group politically cohesive (via RPV analysis)
3. Majority group politically cohesive (via RPV analysis) and regularly opposes the minority vote; the majority group need not be any particular race or only a single race as long as it votes as a bloc

Gingles #1 is measured using Citizens of Voting Age Population (CVAP). “**Large**” means over 50% of the CVAP. “**Compact**” can include non-contiguous areas if they are in reasonable proximity and share similar interests. Note that Gingles #1 cannot be met via a **crossover district**, with minority + part of majority voting as a bloc [but what about 2/+ minority groups aggregated in a coalition?].

### Senate Factors (1982) – a non-exhaustive list to help evaluate the “totality of circumstances” that demonstrate “less opportunity” in actual effect, regardless of intent:

1. The history of official discrimination in the jurisdiction that affects the right to vote;
2. The degree to which voting in the jurisdiction is racially polarized;
3. The extent of the jurisdiction's use of majority vote requirements, unusually large electoral districts, prohibitions on bullet voting, and other devices that tend to enhance the opportunity for voting discrimination;
4. Whether minority candidates are denied access to the jurisdiction's candidate slating processes, if any;
5. The extent to which the jurisdiction's minorities are discriminated against in socioeconomic areas, such as education, employment, and health;
6. Whether overt or subtle racial appeals in campaigns exist;
7. The extent to which minority candidates have won elections;
8. The degree that elected officials are unresponsive to the concerns of the minority group; and
9. Whether the policy justification for the challenged law is tenuous.

To strengthen a VRA case, plaintiffs may go beyond Section 2 effects tests and demonstrate discriminatory intent as well. This can be done by considering the **Arlington Heights Factors**:

### Arlington Heights Factors

1. “The impact of the official action,” especially “whether it bears more heavily on one race than another,” however, “impact alone is not determinative”
2. “The historical background of the decision, particularly if it reveals a series of official actions taken for invidious purposes”
3. “The specific sequence of events leading up the challenged decision”
4. “Departures from the normal procedural sequence” or “[s]ubstantive departures”
5. “The legislative or administrative history . . .especially where there are contemporary statements by members of the decision-making body, minutes of its meetings, or reports”

VRA compliance is the only allowable reason for race to predominate in redistricting. Such compliance must meet “**strict scrutiny**”—using “narrowly tailored” and “least restrictive means” to achieve a “compelling state interest” (*Shaw v. Reno*, 1993).

In its 2013 ***Shelby*** decision, the U.S. Supreme Court disabled the triggers for Section 5 of the VRA, and so lifted the requirement for preclearance of changes to voting procedures and processes in historically discriminatory regions. Restrictive voting measures may still be challenged after being implemented, but this will be much more difficult, time-consuming, and expensive compared to the former Section 5 preclearance process.

In its 2021 ***Brnovich*** decision, the U.S. Supreme Court declared various voting restrictions in Arizona were not violations of Section 2.

Note that **vote dilution** (the diminishment of the power or weight of some votes) is not the same **voter suppression** (the hinderance and prevention of some votes being cast). Vote dilution is a VRA matter while voter suppression is a Fifteenth and Twenty-fourth Amendments matter.

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***This summary of the VRA is a general description and is not intended to be legally precise.***

## 2020 CRC Map Requirements

1. First Preliminary Maps must be displayed no later than November 15, 2021.
2. Public comment shall be taken for at least 14 days from the date of public display of the first preliminary statewide maps of the Congressional, State Senatorial, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts.
3. The Commission shall not display any other map for public comment during the 14-day period.
4. Public comment shall be taken for at least seven days from the date of public display of any subsequent preliminary statewide maps.
5. Public comment shall be taken for at least three days from the date of public display of any final statewide maps.
6. Final Maps must be certified to the Secretary of State by December 27, 2021. Because of #5, final maps will need to be displayed by December 23, 2021.
7. With each of the four **final** maps, the Commission must issue a report that explains why its decisions in achieving compliance with the various criteria listed in subdivision (d) and must include definitions of the terms and standards used in drawing each final map.
8. The four **final** redistricting maps must be approved by at least nine affirmative votes which must include at least three votes of members registered from each of the two largest political parties in California based on registration and three votes from members who are not registered with either of these two political parties.
9. “Day” means a calendar day, except that if the final day of a period within which **an act is to be performed** is a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the period is extended to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday.
10. Nine or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action; Nine members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
11. Notice for meetings, the purpose of which is to seek public input must be agendized for at least fourteen calendar days. Meetings for which public input is not the purpose, must be agendized for at least ten calendar days. For the final fifteen days prior the finalization of maps, public meetings require only three days’ notice.